

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, comprising:

receiving means for receiving ~~document information of~~ a document generated from any of the external devices;

delivery setting means for making delivery settings using a managing tool, wherein the delivery settings store a relationship between the external devices and delivery destinations for the document based on the ~~document information received by the receiving means~~; and

delivery means for determining a delivery destination of the document based on the delivery settings and the external device which is the transmission source of the document, and for delivering the document to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

2. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the servers of the delivery destinations include a document management server that manages documents and a mail server that delivers electronic mails.

3. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery means comprises control means for delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the ~~document information~~ to said document management server as index information, and registering the ~~document information~~ and the index information in said document management server.

4. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the ~~received document information comprises~~ is a fax document information received by from a fax device, and the additional information comprises at least one of information ~~on~~ of a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, or document page number information.

5. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery apparatus further comprises control means operable when the received document-information is delivered to the document management server, for notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that is a transmission source of the document-information.

7. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, ~~further comprising control means for controlling said delivery setting means such that~~ wherein the delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

8. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the received document-information comprises received includes a fax document-information or a scan document-information.

9. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the document-information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, said delivery means converts the format of the received document-information to the one handled by the delivery destination and then delivers the converted document-information to the delivery destination.

10. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external devices each have at least one function of an image reading function[.]] or a facsimile transmission, ~~or a reception function.~~

11. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method for controlling a delivery device connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, comprising:  
a delivery setting step of making delivery settings using a managing tool, wherein the delivery settings store a relationship between the external devices and delivery destinations;

a receiving step of receiving ~~document information of~~ a document generated from any of the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination of the document based on the delivery settings and the external device which is the transmission source of the document, and delivering the document to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

12. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the servers of the delivery destinations include a document management server that manages documents and a mail server that delivers electronic mails.

13. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery step comprises a control step of delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document ~~information~~ to said document management server as index information, and registering the document ~~information~~ and the index information in said document management server.

14. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 13, wherein the received document ~~information comprises~~ is a fax document information received by from a fax device, and the additional information comprises at least one of information ~~on~~ of a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, or document page number information.

15. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery method further comprises a control step of notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document ~~information~~ has been registered, when the received document ~~information~~ is delivered to the document management server.

16. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that is a transmission source of the document-information.

17. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, ~~further comprising a delivery setting step of controlling~~ wherein the delivery settings such that the delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

18. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~received document-information comprises received~~ includes a fax document-information or a scan document-information.

19. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein, when the document-information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, in said delivery step the format of the received document-information is converted to the one handled by the delivery destination and then the converted document-information is delivered to the delivery destination.

20. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the external devices each have at least one function of an image reading function~~[[.]]~~ or a facsimile transmission, ~~or a reception-function.~~

21. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program for controlling a document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, the program comprising:

a delivery setting instruction for making delivery settings using a managing tool, wherein the delivery settings store a relationship between the external devices and delivery destinations;

a receiving instruction for receiving document-information of a document-generated from any of the external devices; and

a delivery instruction for determining a delivery destination of the document based on the delivery settings and the external device which is the transmission source of the document, and delivering the document to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

22. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the servers of the delivery destinations include a document management server that manages documents and a mail server that delivers electronic mails.

23. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery instruction comprises a control instruction for delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document ~~information~~ to said document management server as index information, and registering the document ~~information~~ and the index information in said document management server.

24. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 23, wherein the received document ~~information~~ ~~comprises~~ is a fax document- ~~information~~ received ~~by~~ from a fax device, and the additional information comprises at least one of ~~information on~~ of a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, or document page number information.

25. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery destination for the received document ~~information~~ comprises a document management server that manages documents, and further including a control instruction for notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document ~~information~~ has been registered, when the received document ~~information~~ is delivered to the document management server.

26. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that is a transmission source of the document ~~information~~.

27. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein ~~the program further comprises a delivery setting instruction for~~

~~controlling delivery settings such that~~ the delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

28. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to 21, wherein the received document information ~~comprises received~~ includes a fax document information or a scan document information.

29. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, in said delivery step instruction the format of the received document information is converted to the one handled by the delivery destination and then the document information is delivered to the delivery destination.

30. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery method according to claim 21, wherein the external devices each have at least one function of an image reading function~~[[,]] or a facsimile transmission, or a reception function~~.

31. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable storage medium storing a document delivery program for controlling a document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, the program comprising:

a delivery setting step of making delivery settings using a managing tool, wherein the delivery settings store a relationship between the external devices and delivery destinations;

a receiving step of receiving document information of a document generated from any of the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination of the document based on the delivery settings and the external device which is the transmission source of the document, and delivering the document to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

32. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of external devices;

a plurality of servers; and

a document delivery apparatus connected via said network to said plurality of external devices and said plurality of servers, said document delivery apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving ~~document information of a document generated~~ from any of said external devices;

delivery setting means for making delivery settings using a manager tool, wherein the delivery settings store a relationship between the external devices and delivery destinations for ~~the document based on the document information received by the receiving means;~~ and

delivery means for determining a delivery destination of the document based on the delivery settings and the external device which is the transmission source of the document, and for delivering the document to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.